

**MALIK'S LAW - HOMICIDE AMENDMENT**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Fred J. Fife**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends the Criminal Code regarding the offense of homicide by assault.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► designates the offense of homicide by assault as "Malik's Law" after Malik Smith, who died as a victim of an assault while visiting Utah in 1989.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**76-5-209**, as enacted by Chapter 291, Laws of Utah 1995

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-5-209** is amended to read:

**76-5-209. Homicide by assault -- Malik's Law -- Penalty.**

(1) A person commits homicide by assault if, under circumstances not amounting to aggravated murder, murder, or manslaughter, a person causes the death of another while intentionally or knowingly attempting, with unlawful force or violence, to do bodily injury to





- 28 another.
- 29 (2) Homicide by assault is a third degree felony.
- 30 (3) Homicide by assault is also known as Malik's Law.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 9-13-05 2:42 PM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**



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**Fiscal Note**  
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**State Impact**

No Fiscal Impact.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact to individuals or businesses.

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